

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2135–S2167

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2203–2213, and S. Res. 410–411. **Page S2161**

Measures Reported:

S. 161, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana.

S. 1074, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe.

S. 1219, to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2161**

Measures Passed:

Green Mountain Lookout Heritage Protection Act: Senate passed S. 404, to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S2151–52**

Humanitarian Crisis in Syria and Neighboring Countries: Senate agreed to S. Res. 384, expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting humanitarian and development challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis. **Page S2166**

Gold Star Wives Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 394, designating April 5, 2014, as “Gold Star Wives Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2166–67**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 88, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. **Page S2167**

Measures Considered:

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3979, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2137–51, S2152–57**

Adopted:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S2138, S2150**

Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 2875 (to Amendment No. 2874), to change the enactment date. **Pages S2138, S2146, S2149**

Reid Amendment No. 2877 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2874), to change the enactment date. **Pages S2138, S2146, S2149**

Reid Amendment No. 2878 (to Amendment No. 2877), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S2138, S2146, S2149**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 99), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions with respect to Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874 (listed above). Subsequently, the point of order that Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874 was in violation of section 311(b) of S. Con. Res. 70, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell. **Pages S2149–50**

By 61 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 100), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S2150**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014, all post-cloture time be considered expired and the

bill, as amended, if amended, be read a third time and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended. **Page S2146**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the bill, post-cloture, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees prior to a vote on passage of the bill, as amended. **Page S2167**

Appointments:

Joint Committee on Taxation: The Chair announced on behalf of the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, U.S. Code, the designation of the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: Senators Wyden, Rockefeller, Stabenow, Hatch, and Grassley. **Page S2167**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in and in relation to South Sudan; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-38) **Pages S2159-60**

Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (Treaty Doc. 112-4) as amended; **Pages S2157-58**

Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. 113-1) as amended; **Pages S2157-58**

Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. 113-2) as amended; and **Pages S2157-58**

Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (Treaty Doc. 113-3) as amended. **Pages S2157-58**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Andre Birotte, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Randolph D. Moss, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S2160**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—100) **Page S2150**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:37 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2167.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Food and Drug Administration, after receiving testimony from Margaret Hamburg, Commissioner, and William Tootle, Director of the Office of Budget, both of the Food and Drug Administration, and Norris W. Cochran, Deputy Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Eric H. Holder,